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# **Iowa Board of Educational Examiners**

#### Overview

The Iowa Board of Educational Examiners (BOEE) establishes standards for educational practitioners pursuant to its authority under Iowa Code chapter <a href="272">272</a>. The BOEE is charged with the overall responsibility of regulating the licensure standards for teachers, administrators, paraeducators, and coaches. The BOEE sets standards for the issuance of licenses, certificates, and authorizations to educational practitioners and sets standards for license renewal. The BOEE also investigates ethics complaints and monitors compliance of licensees with orders issued by the BOEE.

## Licensing

The BOEE processes approximately 30,000 educational practitioner applications per year and has issued a total of 26,812 licenses, authorizations, and designations in 2018. Licensure fees are collected by the BOEE, with 25.0% of the collected fees being transferred into the State General Fund and the remaining 75.0% being used to cover the operational costs of the BOEE. The BOEE will be addressing special education requirements and reviewing secondary endorsement criteria in response to educator shortages in certain areas. A new licensure system is scheduled to be implemented March 1, 2019.

### **Ethics Complaints**

The BOEE receives and investigates approximately 200 educational practitioner ethics complaints per year. If the BOEE finds probable cause, a hearing notice is issued, and an administrative law judge conducts a hearing. The BOEE is represented by the Attorney General's office. A complaint is to be resolved in 180 days unless good cause can be shown for an extension of this limitation. Legal and investigative costs have averaged \$63,000 per year since FY 2013.

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### **More Information**

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